



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2834, **Agenda Item #:** 63.

9/30/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to an agreement with Samaritan Center For Counseling and Pastoral Care Inc. to provide mental health services to underserved families, to add one 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$105,735, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$732,668.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$105,735 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

November 20, 2014 - Council authorized award, negotiation and execution of a 37-month agreement with Samaritan Center For Counseling and Pastoral Care Inc. with three 12-month extension options on a 6-0 vote with Council Member Tovo recusing herself from contracts associated with Theater Action Project/Creative Action.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to an agreement with Samaritan Center For Counseling and Pastoral Care Inc. (Samaritan Center) for programs that provide family mental health services, to add one 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$105,735, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$732,668.

Amendment No. 6 exercised the third extension option in the amount of \$105,735 for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the second extension option in the amount of \$105,735 for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the first extension option in the amount of \$105,735 for the period of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

Amendment No. 3 added \$2,579 to the 37-month base agreement due to a 2.3% annual cost of living increase for social services agreements approved by Council during the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget adoption process.

Amendment No. 2 amended the contract exhibits and added \$4,638 due to a new budget policy by Council that approved additional funding for social service contracts.

Amendment No. 1 added \$17,121 to the 37-month base agreement due to a 6% annual cost of living increase for social services agreements approved by Council during the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget adoption process.

The City entered into an agreement with Samaritan Center in 2014 as a result of an Austin Public Health Department Health Self-Sufficiency Request for Applications (also known as RFA) process, and services began on September 1, 2015 for an initial 37-month period ending on September 30, 2018, with three 12-month extension options. This agreement improves access and services to children and families residing in Austin/Travis County by providing mental health services to low-income populations. Samaritan Center's Whole Body Mental Health Services program serves children and their families through psychiatry, counseling, case management, group therapy, and integrative medicines.

Samaritan Center is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that works cooperatively with mental health service providers, local school districts, juvenile probation offices, and clinics.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.